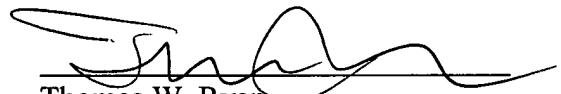


### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a divisional application based on Serial No. 09/758,830, filed January 11, 2001. The instant divisional application is being filed to pursue claims 13-23, which were not elected for prosecution in the parent case.

No fee is believed due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 18-2284 of Piper Rudnick LLP, duplicate copy is attached.

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